

and not everywhere, becomes a party to that. Keeping that in mind, will the Central Government while formulating a new policy have a common approach of recruitment and educational policy to the police from time to time so that they can be made an effective secular force?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: It is a very wide question covering different Ministries. But at the same time, when these forces are being deployed in communally sensitive areas, merely modernisation of the weapons is not enough. The greater mobility will have to be there. They will have to be provided with communication facilities. At the same time, they must also get in-service training wherein a new kind of approach will be one of the factors which the Government will have to bear in mind.

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: In continuation of the question asked by hon. Shri Chandrajit Yadav I would also like to say that where there are specific allegations against the State Police during communal riots and other violent incidents one feels that the protectors of law and order are themselves taking law in their own hands. So modernisation, I think, should include an ideological re-orientation of the police as well. We have cases of such allegations against the police in Bhagalpur, Maliana, the more recent incident in Pilibhit and in Tripura where the police force are being used to beat up their political opponents. In all these cases there is a need for change of approach in the police force. I would like to know whether the Government is contemplating any programme whereby such allegations can be immediately investigated by the Government and action taken thereon.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Sir, I have replied to Shri Chandra Jeet Yadav's question, and the same reply

will also be applicable in the case of the question asked by the hon. lady Member. Definitely there is no doubt about it, but when you give in-service training to the officers, approach to the entire problem is one of the subjects which in fact will have to be taught to them.

[*Translation*]

Irrigation projects of Bihar

***247. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects of Bihar pending with the Union Government;

(b) since when those are pending;

(c) whether any scheme for construction of embankments on both sides of the river Phalgu in Nalanda district of Bihar has also been received by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The State Government has informed that this scheme for repair of embankments is a scheme of the State's Relief Department costing about Rs. 23 lakhs.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission
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A. MAJOR SCHEMES

I. *Techno-economic appraisal completed—considered and accepted by Advisory Committee subject to compliance of its observations by the State Government:*

1. Punasi Reservoir Scheme	10/89
2. Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project	7/89
3. Siktia Barrage Project	1/88
4. Repair of Kosi Barrage	2/86
5. Sone Canal Modernisation	8/83
6. North Koel Reservoir Project	3/86

II. *Techno-economic appraisal completed. Advisory Committee deferred consideration due to non-resolution of inter-State issues :*

1. Konar Irrigation	7/71
	8/88 (Updated estimate)
2. Tilaiya Dhadhar	10/74

III. *Techno-economic appraisal not completed. State Government has to comply with the observations of Central Water Commission :*

1. Sukhsenaghat Pump Canal	11/89
2. Kosi Project Phase -II	2/88
3. Gandak Project Phase II	1/89
4. Zamania Pump Canal	11/90
5. Burhai Reservoir	10/90

B. MEDIUM SCHEMES

I. *Techno-economic appraisal completed—Considered and accepted by Advisory Committee subject to compliance of its observations by the State Government:*

1. Salaiya Reservoir Scheme	8/83
2. Ramrekha Reservoir Scheme	8/88
3. Dhansinghtoli Reservoir Scheme	8/88
4. Satpotka Reservoir Scheme	8/88

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5. Katri Reservoir Scheme		8/88
6. Kundghat Reservoir Scheme		11/82
7. Keso Reservoir Scheme		8/88
8. Bhairwa Reservoir Scheme		8/88
9. Panchkhero Reservoir Scheme		5/87

II. *Techno-economic appraisal not completed. State Government has to comply with the observations of Central Water Commission:*

1. Suali Reservoir Scheme	2/89
2. Amanat Reservoir Scheme	3/90
3. Sarjamhatu Reservoir Scheme	9/88
4. Gorkho Reservoir Scheme	9/88
5. Barari Pump Canal	12/90

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as irrigation facilities are concerned, Bihar lags behind in this regard and as far as the all India average of irrigation is concerned, it is also at the lowest rung. In his reply the hon. Minister has stated that about 27 irrigation schemes are pending and out of these 27 schemes, one of the schemes viz., Punasi Reservoir scheme has been pending since 1971 and the Tilaiya Dhadhar scheme has been pending since 1974. It has been stated that the schemes are pending because some inter-states issues could not be resolved and that the State Government has not complied with the observations made by the Advisory Committee. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what steps the Central Government have taken to resolve the inter state issues regarding the Punasi Reservoir Scheme and what suggestions and observations have been made by the State Government in this connection?

and engineers from both the states had a number of meetings in this connection but unfortunately they have not arrived at a consensus. Unless the concerned State Governments adopt a positive approach, these complex problems cannot be resolved. One of the reasons, Mr. Speaker, Sir, is that some times these agreements have political repercussions and because of these political repercussions the problems are never resolved. That is the reason why these schemes have been pending for so long. We try our level best to complete these schemes.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has also asked about the points to which the State Governments have not replied. Most of the points relate to financial matters or technical matters about which clarification has been sought. Since the clarification has not been received so far, the schemes are pending.

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA:

Mr. Speaker, Sir, about the inter-state issues which the hon. Member has mentioned, I would like to point out that the concerned officials

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

Mr. Speaker, Sir, with regard to technical points I would like to mention here that the techno-economic appraisal has been completed.

Sir, my second supplementary question is that it has been stated regarding Phalgu river of Nalanda district that the scheme is under the State Government and the estimated cost of repair of embankments is Rs. 23 lakh. Since this river passes through my Constituency, I think it would cost over Rs. One crore and not merely Rs. 23 lakh to repair embankments on both sides. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether a Central team would be sent to survey the area, as this river affects many districts and get a final estimate. The State Government is not in a position to complete it. Will the Central Government take over this scheme to complete it?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: About Phalgu river the Bihar Government have informed that the scheme of repair of embankments would cost Rs. 23 lakhs. According to the existing policy, if the cost is over Rs. 60 lakh then it is the responsibility of the Central Government and if the cost is less than Rs. 60 lakh then it is the responsibility of the State Government. Since the hon. Member so desires, I shall arrange to send a Central team to look into the matter so that the work is expedited.

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Sir, the century-old Sone Canal System irrigates 23 lakh acres of land in nearly six districts of Central Bihar and more than one crore people are dependent on it for their livelihood. Now the canal is in a state of disrepair. Apart from this, a reservoir project in Garhoh on the main stream of Sone river in Palamau district for supply of water to this canal is pending since 1983. I request the hon. Minister to include this project in the Eighth Five Year Plan and sanction more funds for the same. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the time by which the modernisation work of the Sone river will be complete?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: As the hon. Member said this is a very important project. The cost of the project estimated at that time is no longer valid. We have sent the proposal to the State Government for a current cost appraisal so that the work can be completed. The Bihar Government has not communicated anything to us and when we get a report from them we shall proceed further.

SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: The Subarnarekha Project in Bihar has been pending for a long time. This project was started in 1978. Today the work is not even half way through. It is said that there were many irregularities in the implementation of this project because of which the World Bank has stopped giving the financial assistance which it was providing earlier. Is the hon. Minister aware of this? If the aid has been stopped then what steps are being contemplated and if aid is still being given then upto when will this work be completed?

SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA: The proposal for the Subarnarekha multi-purpose project was sent to the centre by the Bihar Government. The Central Water Commission, which is the Consultative Committee for this project, put forward a few suggestions on which the opinion of the Bihar Government was sought. The Bihar Government communicated its view to the Centre and the Planning Commission in July, 1989. Subsequently the Central Water Commission started work towards completion of the project. Some more information, crucial to the completion of the project, was sought from the Bihar Government in December 1989. We have not received it so far. On receipt of the information we will have to seek permission from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. After that the work can be started.